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Mr. Michael Striker
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RE: Proposed Mitchell Landfill
FR# 12-53-MR-1

Dear Mr. Striker:

We have reviewed the report titled *Phase II Archaeological Investigation at Site 46MR164 for the Proposed Mitchell Landfill, Franklin District, Marshall County, West Virginia*, which was submitted for the above referenced project to determine its effects to cultural resources. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

Archaeological Resources:

According to the report, Phase II investigations of site 46MR164 consisted of close interval shovel testing, excavation of test units and feature exploration. In addition to a large historic assemblage, Phase II excavations recovered 3 prehistoric artifacts that were intermixed with those from the historic era. Features investigated at the site include a stone well and a couple of linear features of unknown Although more than 1,100 historic period artifacts were recovered during Phase II field work, many with short manufacturing spans, the excavations failed to locate features with specific functions that had the potential to contain stratified deposits. As a result, we concur that the recovery of additional artifacts would likely provide redundant information and that 46MR164 is not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Period. No further work is necessary for this project with respect to archaeological resources.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have questions regarding our comments or the permit conditions, please contact Lora A. Lamarre-DeMott, Senior Archaeologist, at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,

Susan M. Pierce
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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